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Briefly

Relief projects

The Family Support Center has been designated the central point for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Please contact Lenn Furrow at 572-7754 if you are currently collecting or planning to collect items or money for hurricane relief.

In the eye of the storm



The 49th Materiel Maintenance Group and other Holloman units continue their support of JTF Katrina.

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Today

The next NCO induction ceremony is scheduled at 3 p.m., today at the enlisted club.

OPS PULSE

Mission capable rates
September 2005

49th Mission Support Group

LRS avg. fuel response time...8.3 min.
ACC goal: 30 min.

49th Medical Group

Customer satisfaction rate.....94.2%
(Survey results)

49th Maintenance Group

MOS mission capable rate.....82.4%

49th Operations Group

Sorties flown (August).....627

Aid and comfort



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Frady

Airman 1st Class Ismael Kulbfleisch, 49th Materiel Maintenance Group, works as a spotter while Senior Airman Coby McCarthy, 49th MMG, operates a forklift at the BEAR Base complex Sept. 1. Four BEAR base sets and approximately 50 Airmen from the 49th MMG deployed to the Gulf Coast to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

BEAR Base deploys to support relief mission in New Orleans

By Spc. (Ret.) James Matise
Sunburst staff writer

The 49th Materiel Maintenance Group has deployed in support of Joint Task Force Katrina, the massive relief effort directed at providing humanitarian aid to Gulf Coast victims of Hurricane Katrina, the Category 4 hurricane that hit Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida Aug. 29.

The 49th MMG, the only Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources Base group in the Air Force, deployed approximately four BEAR Base sets and 50 personnel by air to oversee setup operations.

The 49th MMG received the deployment tasking Sept. 2. As of 2 p.m. Saturday, four C-5 Galaxy cargo planes and approximately 30 personnel had left and another six to 10 cargo aircraft

were expected to arrive, said the 49th Fighter Wing Deployment Control Center. Each C-5 Galaxy aircraft has a cargo capacity of approximately six Greyhound buses and each BEAR Base set fills three or four C-5s.

The BEAR Base sets were airlifted primarily to Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. Some BEAR Base assets were sent by truck to Barksdale Air Force Base near Shreveport, La. and may be diverted to Keesler Air Force Base near Biloxi, Miss., said Lt. Col. Steven F. Peters, 49th MMG deputy commander.

"Right now, one kit is being sent to New Orleans International Airport, one set is being sent to Barksdale, and we're not sure where the other two are going right now," Colonel Peters said

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49th MMG houses task force in tent city

By Airman 1st Class
Stephen Collier
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

NEW ORLEANS – While helicopters continue to airlift victims of Hurricane Katrina to the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, more and more Air Force tent cities are going up.

More than 70 Airmen of different backgrounds and units have come together to form the beginnings of the 4th Air Expeditionary Group, commanded by Col. Leonard Coleman, who said the unit's role is to support recovery efforts in and around New Orleans.

"These tent cities are going to take care of the Air Force men and women who have been assigned here at Louis Armstrong International," Colonel Coleman said. "Here, we can give them the care and support they need to execute our humanitarian mission."

The 4th AEG includes members of several bases, including Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., Holloman Air Force Base, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. And Tyn-dall Air Force Base in northern Florida.

These members consist of typical mission support group elements, including 35 security forces patrolmen and 20 services

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WG CC comments on JTF Katrina

From the moment the deployment tasking dropped Sept. 2, Holloman stood up to support JTF Katrina. BEAR Base in particular shone throughout the initial stages, but the wing truly came together to do its part. What does this response say about Holloman?

Brig. Gen. Cichowski: Holloman came together as I knew we could - and would - in a time of crisis. Everyone I've come in contact with during these last few hectic days say they're proud to help. They understand the urgency of the situation. Our efforts here are proof that we don't simply talk teamwork, we embody it.

Question: Will Holloman deploy more Airmen?

Brig. Gen. Cichowski: As of this date, no - but we're ready to if needed. We've deployed approximately 60 Airmen so far from all areas of the wing: services, materiel squadron, public affairs, chaplain, etch and etc. If needed, we're prepared to support any other tasking.

Question: Do you expect Holloman to house displaced

citizens at this point?

Brig. Gen. Cichowski: At this point no, but we do have the facilities if necessary to do so. Simply stated, we need to remain flexible. El Paso is now housing approximately 5,000 displaced citizens, so while the Gulf Coast may have borne the brunt of the hurricane, its effects are felt nationwide.

Question: Will our participation in JTF Katrina affect the wing's mission?

Brig. Gen. Cichowski: There will be no changes. We've dealt with bigger deployments and have accomplished our goals as well as we would have if manning were 100 percent. As we all know, manning is never 100 percent in today's Air Force. The bottom line is that Holloman will continue to run smoothly as a wing and our men and women deployed to the Gulf region will do their part to the best of their abilities, just as our men and women in forward deployed locations will continue to carry on Holloman's tradition of excellence. Our creed of "Mission First, People Always" is here to stay.



High: 86
Low: 62

TODAY



High: 86
Low: 62

SATURDAY



High: 86
Low: 60

SUNDAY



High: 84
Low: 60

MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

Holloman Hotline

572-7500

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

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Housing maintenance2-7901
Medical clinic2-5991
Finance2-5107
Services2-3528
Commissary2-5127
Fraud, waste and abuse2-3713
BX479-6164

For the record

The photo feature in the Aug. 26 issue of the *Sunburst*, entitled "Taking names and doling out the pills," incorrectly described Ms. Gigi Ebel and Ms. Kim Edgington as volunteers at the Holloman AFB pharmacy. Ms. Ebel and Ms. Edgington are contract employees with the pharmacy.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI **7**
DUIs this year **17**
This week last fiscal year **28**

Last six DUIs

• 49 CES April 17
• 49 OSS May 6
• 49 MMSS May 27
• 49 AMXS Aug. 9
• 49 MXS Aug. 29
• 49 AMXS Sept. 2

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

795 Saves this year
18 Saves this week



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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

Senior Airman Patrick Hogan (left), 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron assistant set chief, and Staff Sgt. Mario Geyser, 49th MMS set chief, secure containers to pallets to make them airworthy prior to transportation via C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft to Louisiana.

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Saturday. “The rumblings we’ve heard is that the final destination for one of the kits is Keesler.”

Each set can provide the basic needs for approximately 550 people – all the camp needs is a place to set up and a source of water, said Col. Michael Arnold, 49th MMG commander.

“We’re shipping it by trucks, we’re shipping it by airplane – we’re shipping it by anything we can get out of Holloman,” Colonel Arnold said Sept. 1. “As soon as we have a site we can set up on, we go in over a day or two and have it set up in a week or two.”

BEAR Base sets include tents, kitchens, dining facilities, shower and latrine facilities, power generators and reverse osmosis water purification systems.

BEAR Base expects to be providing facilities for approximately 2,000 people. The facilities are slated for use by relief workers during the duration of the deployment, but may be used by hurricane refugees if necessary, Colonel Arnold said.

“This [BEAR Base] is primarily set up for supporting combat operations,” Colonel Arnold said. “In this case, this base is perfect

for humanitarian needs because it has the basic needs.”

One of the most important functions of BEAR Base is its reverse osmosis water purification units, which can take most non-potable water and turn it into water that is safe to drink. Reverse osmosis units are being concentrated at the New Orleans airport because there is no source of drinkable water anywhere in the city, Colonel Arnold said.

“One reverse osmosis unit can make 600 gallons of water an hour,” he said.

BEAR Base personnel began preparing the assets for the deployment Sept. 1, just after receiving indication that a tasking was being prepared.

“The equipment is being prepped right now,” said Master Sgt. Tom Wickre, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron yardmaster, while watching large pallets of cargo being moved by forklift Sept. 1. “We’re making sure the property gets there all right. A 550-[man] set takes up approximately 72 palletized positions.”

Approximately 14 personnel deployed with each set, and met up with Civil Engineer units de-

ployed from other locations who are assisting BEAR Base personnel with setting up the facilities, Colonel Peters said.

“Our 14-person team will link up with a Civil Engineer team. Depending on the size of the team ... and depending on the conditions, it’s going to take a week or more to get the structures up. Between getting the generators up and running the power cables – we hope we can do that concurrently.”

The MMG is currently expected to remain deployed for approximately 30 days.

Holloman has also deployed one chaplain’s assistant and five personnel from the 49th Services Squadron with the MMG personnel. Tasking for other Holloman personnel is possible but no plans have been finalized, according to Maj. John Bryan, 49th Fighter Wing public affairs director.

The 49th MMG has participated in other humanitarian aid missions in the past, including a deployment in 1991 in support of Operation Provide Comfort in Turkey and a humanitarian aid mission for victims of Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

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Airmen.

The 4th AEG is bedding down in a 550-person Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resource, or BEAR, base set. Each set, maintained and deployed from the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group, will give its residents billeting, latrine and shower facilities, laundry services, power, lights and even a source of drinkable water.

Senior Airman Stacy Pitts, a lodging clerk from the 55th Services Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., said the new air-conditioned facilities would help victims in the long run.

“When I heard about what helped in New Orleans, I wanted to go down there to help the people out,” Airman Pitts said.

Colonel Coleman added that if the Air Force is called upon to do more for the people of this hurricane-ravaged area, they would.

“If the Department of Homeland Security asks, we could send in more people and assess damage, initiate repairs and other missions if required. The Air Force is ready to support more people if we get the call to.”



Photo by Master Sgt. Jack Braden

Airmen erect tents at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport Sunday. The tents were flown in from the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group to house workers supporting the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

Holloman Salutes



Congratulations to the following graduates of the Aug. 12 First Term Airman Course Class 05-11:

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Airman 1st Class Misty Maricle – recipient of Most Professional Airman Award
Airman 1st Class Thomas McConnell
Airman 1st Class Evan Smith
Airman Justin Lederman

49th Maintenance Squadron
Airman 1st Class Brian Lott
Airman 1st Class Bobby Cothorn
Airman 1st Class Kolongi Hodge-Vence
Airman Danny Ramos
Airman Daniel Hernandez

49th Operations Support Squadron
Airman 1st Class Robert Wilson

49th Communications Squadron
Airman 1st Class Peter McMullen

49th Civil Engineer Squadron
Airman Zachary Ferrell

49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
Airman Basic Tyler Long

49th Services Squadron
Airman Basic David Ramirez
Airman Basic Sherrie Ahlborn
Airman Basic Christopher Ferguson

Congratulations to the following graduates of the Sept. 6 First Term Airman Course Class 05-12:

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Airman 1st Class Eric Aguirre
Airman 1st Class Andrew Keith

49th Communications Squadron
Airman 1st Class Benjamin Dawley
Airman 1st Class Jason Baldwin

49th Contracting Squadron
Airman Basic Ashley Dingman

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman 1st Class Joshua Brubaker
Airman 1st Class Gary Thibodeaux
Airman 1st Class Darin Pugh

49th Maintenance Squadron
Airman 1st Class Channing Wright – recipient of the Most Professional Airman Award
Airman 1st Class Aaron Matteson
Airman 1st Class Jonathon Rivera-Rosado
Airman 1st Class James Grant III
Airman 1st Class Justin Shoudis
Airman 1st Class Philip Gibbs
Airman Basic Justin Daywalt

49th Operations Support Squadron
Airman 1st Class Caleb Kelley
Airman 1st Class David Holland

Airman Justin Pecoroni
Airman Thomas Conklin

49th Medical Operations Squadron
Airman 1st Class Milanie Laigo

49th Medical Support Squadron
Airman 1st Class Virginia Mosley

Congratulations to the following graduates of the Aug. 19 NCOPEC 05-03:

49th Civil Engineer Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Samuel A. Heath
Staff Sgt. Adam T. Fuller
Staff Sgt. Shawn Cullen

49th Communications Squadron
Staff Sgt. Kevin D. Essary
Staff Sgt. Methusela Damon

49th Comptroller Squadron
Staff Sgt. Thuy O. McDonald

49th Fighter Wing
Staff Sgt. Kevin M. II Mahoney
Staff Sgt. Donnie A. Sweatt
Staff Sgt. Philip H. Saunders
Staff Sgt. Joya D. Bitle
Staff Sgt. Keith R. Holycross

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Staff Sgt. Latora D. Bryant
Staff Sgt. James W. Parson

49th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Staff Sgt. Jason E. Hughes
Staff Sgt. Michael A. Tritt

49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Lucas K. Ray

49th Services Squadron
Staff Sgt. Stephen Saldivar

49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Barry L. Ouderkirk
Staff Sgt. Frederick B. Long

4th Space Control Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Douglas I. Watson

Detachment 10, 372nd Training Squadron
Staff Sgt. Oscar Tibuni

49th Operations Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Linda Smith
Staff Sgt. Daniel P. Lauseng
Staff Sgt. Eriberto Padron

49th Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Thomas D. Edmonds
Staff Sgt. Tina N. Horton
Staff Sgt. Walter R. Campbell
Staff Sgt. Rushmeyer Darold

Logistics lends a limb to BEAR Base

49th LRS provides manpower, equipment to get materiel where it's needed

by Ms. Danielle Toste
Sunburst staff writer

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina's aftermath, the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron has teamed up with BEAR Base to move supplies to the Gulf Coast in support of Joint Task Force Katrina.

"We are the central point of notification for airlift for getting cargo ready to go and for when the aircraft arrives," said Capt. Jason Kalin, 49th LRS deployment officer.

LRS is supplying manpower and equipment such as forklifts, pallets, tie downs, cargo straps and 60K loaders -- the machines that load the aircraft.

"If it has to be moved, we're moving it, and a lot of our resources are being put towards that effort," said 1st Lt. Rodger Booher, 49th LRS Traffic Control Operation.

BEAR Base and LRS are working side by side in this effort. BEAR

Base builds the cargo up and brings it to the LRS yard. LRS inspects it, makes sure the paperwork is in order and then puts the cargo on the plane.

"Primarily, the cargo is going to the New Orleans International Airport," Captain Kalin said, "but we are on task to go to Gulfport, Mississippi, and just sent cargo out to Meridian, Mississippi [Tuesday]."

Airlifts have been coming at any time. Since Sept. 1, LRS has been on 12-hour shifts. When they were working the C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft, they had up to three aircraft being loaded at the same time.

LRS has already sent out 752 short tons by airlift and 291 tons by trucks.

"The Cargo Deployment Function has done a miraculous job," Lieutenant Booher said, "especially when there have been planes on both sides of the base. They made it work and got the cargo out of here quickly."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Russell Scalf

Airmen from the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron move Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources Base assets by forklift in preparation for loading onto C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft. The 49th LRS is supporting BEAR Base's deployment to the Gulf Coast in support of Joint Task Force Katrina and has moved more than 1,000 tons of materiel.

JROTC instructors needed

Air Force Junior ROTC has instructor opportunities for retired or soon-to-be retired officers and NCOs. Currently AFJROTC has over 60 instructor positions open in high schools around the country. AFJROTC is in the process of expanding and will be opening up to 75 new units by the 2006 school year. All applicants must be retired from active duty less than five years from the effective date of employment (may be waived in exceptional cases). If still on active duty, applicants must have applied for retirement to be effective within six months. Instructors must meet Air Force weight/body fat standards and have high standards of military bearing, appearance and moral character. Officers must have a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited institution. NCOs must have a high school diploma or equivalent (A minimum of an associate's degree will be required in the near future). Instructors wear the Air Force uniform and are expected to maintain appearance standards. In addition, they receive, at a minimum, a salary equal to the difference between their retirement pay and their active-duty pay and allowances. For more information, call JROTC 1-866-235-7682, ext. 35275 or 35300. The DSN number is 493-5275 or 493-5300. For a list of schools and locations, go to www.afboats.af.mil/AFJROTC/Instructors.asp.

Claims office closing

The claims office will be closed for year-end closeout Sept. 19 – 30. No new claims will be accepted during this time unless the claim is at the two-year mark (two years from the date of delivery). If this is the case, please contact the claims office at 572-3625 to make arrangements to file your claim or to ask any questions. DD forms 1840 and 1840R will be accepted during this time frame.

Case-lot sale coming

The Holloman Commissary is holding a case-lot sale Sept. 15 - 17. Canned vegetables, breakfast cereals, dinner entrees, ready to bake items, drinks, health and

beauty items, paper products, detergents, and pet foods highlight the main product categories offered at 40 to 50 percent discount prices. The sale will be during normal store hours. Point of contact is Glenn Sergeant, grocery department manager, at 572-5127, ext. 2017.

HOSC thrift shop

The Holloman Officers' Spouses Club thrift shop is open Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments will not be accepted until Sept. 20, 10 a.m. to noon only, both Tuesday and Thursday.

Airman's attic

Airman's Attic is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., every second Saturday of each month. Donations are preferred during operating hours. For more information, call 572-2577.

Lumpia sale

The Middle Two Council will sell lumpias from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 16 at the Base Chapel Annex. Lumpia sales are 50 cents each and 20 for \$9. Sodas will also be sold for 50 cents each. To pre-order, call Tech. Sgt. Reny Nunag at 572-5574.

Equipment accountability

For equipment items (Budget Code 9) equal to or under the micro-purchase threshold, accountability is the responsibility of the unit commander. Unit commanders must establish a locally devised program that provides visibility and audit trail capability. This may include use of hand receipts and spreadsheets. For Equipment Items (Budget Code 9) over the \$2,500 micro-purchase threshold purchased on existing contracts with the GPC, accountability records must be established through the Equipment Liaison Office. Equipment custodians must contact the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Equipment Liaison Office immediately upon receipt of the asset. Medical activities must also coordinate purchases through the Base Medical Equipment Office. See AFI 64-117, Air Force Government-

wide Purchase Card Program for additional information or contact Nancy Jarka, 49 LRS/LGRSC, at 572-3940.

Coaches wanted

The Fitness and Sports Center is looking for head coaches for both men and women's varsity basketball teams. Please contact Bradley George at 572-3229.

Oktoberfest

Tickets are now on sale for Oktoberfest, scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Sept. 24 at the German maintenance hangar, building 286. Ticket locations are the Outdoor Recreation Center, all branches of Otero Federal Credit Union, Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce and the White Sands Mall. For more information, call 572-2612 or 572-6159.

Environmental assessment

The Final Environmental Assessment for the Improvements and Repair to Forty-Niner Avenue is available for review at the Holloman Public Library. The Environmental Assessment resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact and a Finding of No Practicable Alternative. All comments should be directed to the Public Affairs Office; 49FW/PA, 490 First St. Suite 2800, Holloman AFB, NM 88330; Phone: 505-572-5406.

Commando reunion

The Air Commando Association/Special Operations Veterans, from WWII to the present, annual reunion will be held Oct. 7-9 at Fort Walton Beach, Fla. For more information call (850)581-0099, fax (850)581-8988, e-mail at aircomando@aol.com or Web page www.home.earthlink.net/~aircommando1/.

Air Force Ball

The Air Force Ball is scheduled to begin 5:30 p.m., Sept. 17 at Hangar 500. The theme is the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and includes open dining and music performed live by the 62nd Army Band. Tickets cost \$16 for club members and \$18 for non-members. Contact unit first sergeants for tickets.

Oktoberfest deeply rooted in US culture

Holloman transforms German culture into wing tradition

by 1st Lt. Shantece Wade
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The well-known German celebration Oktoberfest has become famous worldwide. Countries as diverse as Canada and Australia have hosted the popular festival with record breaking attendance and excellent reviews. How did it become a part of American culture?

Oktoberfest began in Munich, Germany with wedding bells and a horse race Oct. 12, 1810, according to the www.germanfun.org website. After King Ludwig I of Bavaria married Princess Therese of Saxon-Hildburghausen, their official wedding festivities, which included parades of riflemen, music, and lots of food and refreshments, ended with a horse race held on the green (now called Theresienwiese, in honor of the crown princess). These festivities continued and became known as "Oktoberfest."

The first American Oktoberfest was held 151 years later, Oct. 13, 1961 in La Crosse, Wis. According to www.oktoberfestusa.com, the local La Crosse civic leaders had agreed that they needed a community-wide activity. Because their earlier celebration was a winter carnival, they were in favor of renewing this idea as a La Crosse tradition.

Problems arose when choosing the actual dates for the event. If La Crosse civic leaders were going to

keep the winter dates, then predicting good weather was virtually impossible, so two German-American employees suggested an autumn festival similar to the Oktoberfest held annually in Munich. Due to the city's highly successful summer festival Aquatennial, an additional summer festival was dismissed and a fall celebration was agreed upon for two reasons: October was the time of color, and early October usually marks the end of the harvest.

Here in the "Stealth City," Holloman's Oktoberfest history dates back to 1996, when approximately 5,000 people attended the celebration.

"We enjoy organizing the Oktoberfest and including the community of Alamogordo to show our appreciation for their hospitality," said Col. Manfred Molitor, German air force Flying Training Center commander. "We are part of Team Holloman and are happy to organize the Oktoberfest as a celebration of being here together with the 49th Fighter Wing. It helps strengthen the German-American relationship."

This year's Holloman Oktoberfest is Sept. 24 from 3:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The first keg-tapping is scheduled for 4 p.m. and the honors will be performed by Colonel Molitor and Brig. Gen. Kurt A. Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander.

Tickets are \$12 each. The ticket price includes entry, a stein and its first filling, and a bus ride to and from Oktoberfest.

Tickets may be purchased at the Outdoor Recreation Center, all Otero Federal Credit Union branches, Whispering Sands Community Center, the Officer's and Enlisted clubs, Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce and TLC portraits in the White Sands Mall.

Shuttle bus service will begin in Alamogordo at 3:15 p.m. and continue until the last group of people are taken back to Alamogordo (see the bus schedule map). This service will include three routes with 10 buses running in intervals of 20 to 30 minutes. Shuttle stops are listed on the back of the tickets. No weapons are allowed on the shuttle or at Oktoberfest.

The menu will include bratwurst, pork loin, cheese and pretzel,

Weisswurst, sauerkraut and rolls. Two types of German beer will be available, Weiss and Oktoberfest beers. In addition, sparkling wine and red and white greek wines will be featured. A variety of soft drinks and water will be available.

Anyone needing a ride home from Oktoberfest may call 572-RIDE, Holloman's 24-hour alternative to driving while intoxicated.

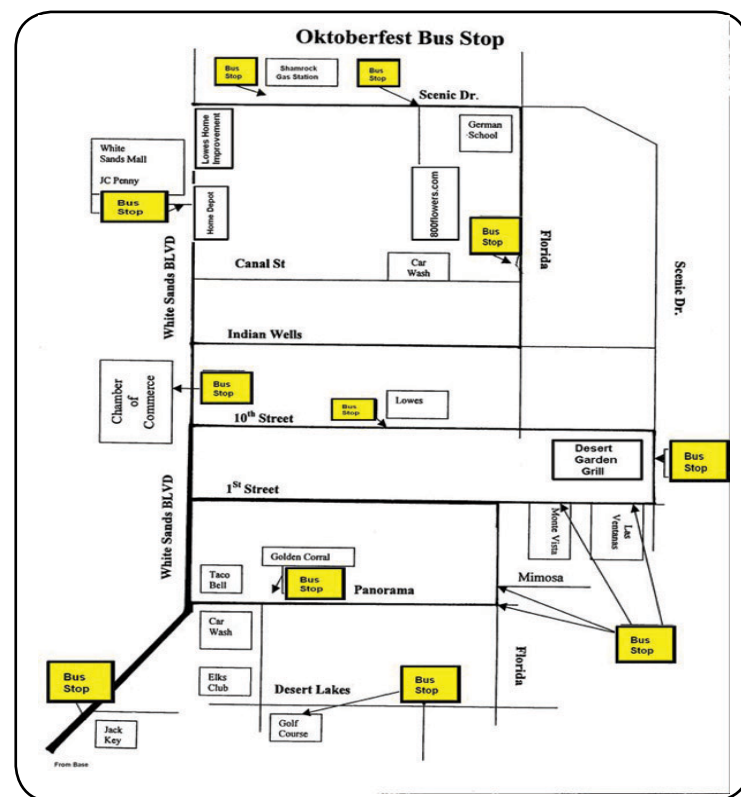
"Enjoy the Oktoberfest, but never drink and drive. Always be safe," said Colonel Molitor.

Food tickets and stein refills will

be available at a ticket booth. Separate tickets must be purchased to try the Weiss beer. Food tickets will give access to a variety of German foods, including pretzels and bratwurst.

Entertainment includes a live band, "Garmischer Musikanten" from Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, a children's jumping castle, and arts and crafts. There will also be stands set up to sell Bavarian hats, T-shirts and various souvenirs.

For more information, call the German air force Public Affairs office at 572-2612.





Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden Photos

As of Tuesday, four BEAR Base sets, each capable of housing approximately 550 Airmen, have been deployed.



Airman 1st Class Marcus Maze, 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron supply management journeyman, checks the stability of a pallet.



Senior Airman Patrick Hogan, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron assistant set chief, uses ratchet straps to prepare a BEAR Base set for departure.

BEAR Base leaves pawprints all over JTF Katrina



49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron personnel, including Staff Sgt. Mario Geyser, MMS set chief (left) and volunteers such as Master Sgt. Vaielua Fiailoa, 9th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (right), worked 12-hour shifts securing and loading pallets for transportation to the Gulf region via C-5 Galaxy aircraft.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Russell Scalf

Senior Airman Shawn Houston, 49th Services Squadron, prepares box meals for BEAR Base Airmen at the Shifting Sands Dining Facility. Five personnel from the 49th SVS have been deployed to provide support for Joint Task Force Katrina.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Brig. Gen. Kurt A. Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, and 2nd Lt. Alfred R. Ocampo, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron air terminal operations officer in charge, work together to move portable lights into a C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft Saturday.

Pitching in



Photo by Airman 1st Class Russell Scalf

First sergeants and Chaplain (Maj.) Tom Kadera pass out hot dogs, chips and drinks to Airmen at BEAR Base working around the clock in support of the Hurricane Katrina victims. The chaplain's and first sergeants' "cookie wagon" is used to provide food for Airmen who are working in 24-hour operations.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Master Sgt. Dan Hogan, 337th Airlift Squadron, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., prepares the cargo bay of a C-5 Galaxy cargo plane so it can receive BEAR Base assets Saturday.

Motorcycle safety tips to ‘keep the rubber side down’

by Master Sgt. Ray Greebon

49th Civil Engineer Squadron superintendent, military housing flight

Every motorcycle enthusiast dreams of the perfect riding environment, a place with an abundance of challenging terrain – mountain curves, long highway runs, city traffic or a comfortable mixture of all three.

They search for a place where they can be challenged, but also have the confidence that conditions are safe and enjoyable all year long. The area surrounding Holloman offers just such a rider’s paradise.

Motorcycle riders stationed at Holloman average more than 320 rain-free riding days each year here in the Tularosa Basin. With high-elevation mountains bordering one side of the base and white sand desert bordering the other, the local terrain is diverse enough to meet most riding styles. To take full advantage of this optimum terrain, however, there are several critical issues Holloman motorcycle riders should remember before hitting the road.

According to Staff Sgt. Brian Ervin, Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider coach, all motorcycle riders have limitations.

“Too often, even experienced riders forget some of the basic principles that could keep them safe on the road,” he said. “The basic concepts to remember are staying vigilant and knowing your limitations.”

According to Sergeant Ervin, one of the most essential skills for motorcyclists to master is being aware and alert to their surroundings.

“See everything and be seen by everyone” is the best way I know to put it,” he said. “Pay particular attention to vehicles sharing the road with you and make yourself as visible as possible by wearing brightly colored and reflective clothing, day or night.”

Knowing their limitations is also important to any motorcyclist’s safety.

According to the Master Sgt. William Deakin, also a Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider coach, most single-rider motorcycle accidents are due to the operator improperly negotiating turns.

“Looking ahead through the turn is a most commonly forgotten step,” said Sergeant Ervin. “Turning your head as you roll into the curve and looking all the way through the corner will greatly improve turn capability.”

Sergeant Deakin said failing to look through a curve or corner will inhibit the rider’s ability to confidently and correctly negotiate turns.

Sergeant Deakin advises motorcycle riders to follow a four step rule when handling all curves: go slow, look, press and roll.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Cabot Ibanez

Staff Sgt. Brian Ervin, a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider coach, negotiates a curve near base operations on his Suzuki motorcycle.

Strive to be in good physical condition. A high level of physical fitness will assist you in remaining alert and attuned to road conditions that lie ahead.

Motorcycle riding can be one of the most relaxing and invigorating pastimes anyone

can experience, from feeling the mountain breeze as you flow through tree-lined curves to stretching out on a long desert cruise, or simply enjoying the freedom of the open road.

Beyond the simple enjoyment of the

ride, the primary goal for motorcyclists is to safely make it the best ride of your life every time you take to the road.

Remember these important and basic motorcycle riding principles: know your limitations, be aware of your surroundings and learn to properly negotiate curves.



Staff Sgt. Brian Ervin (left), Master Sgt. William Deakin (middle) and Master Sgt. Ray Greebon round a corner near base operations.

On the side

According to AFI 91-207, every motorcycle rider must maintain:

- A state-endorsed motorcycle operators license.
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation basic rider’s course card.
- All appropriate personal protective equipment gear must be worn as outlined in AFI 91-207.
- Proof of insurance.

Current ACC policy requires unit commanders to brief every motorcycle rider “one on one” concerning motorcycle safety.

BRIEFS

Sept. 11 memorial ceremony

Holloman fire and emergency services along with other local and state fire and police agencies invite the public to participate in this year's Sept. 11 memorial ceremony, to be held at 8 p.m., Sunday in Alamogordo at the New Mexico Museum of Space History's upper parking lot. A memorial ceremony, guest speaker and candlelight vigil are some of the scheduled events. The ceremony should last about one hour.

Middle school half days

Holloman Middle School teachers will have half-day training each month on the following days: Sept. 22, Oct. 26, Nov. 16, Jan. 18, Feb. 16, Mar. 22, April 12 and May 10. The school has attempted to do training in conjunction with the days the schools might have off. The students will receive lunch at school and then be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Holloman Middle School will also offer a technology class for up to 25 students on those half days, which will begin at 1 p.m. This class is being offered on a first come, first served basis, so students will need to sign up quickly if they wish to be a part of this class. For more information, call the school at 479-2282.

Remembrance ceremony

The 49th Fighter Wing POW/MIA remembrance ceremony will be held 9 a.m., Sept. 16 in Heritage Park. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Berridge at 572-7359 or Master Sgt. Lewis at 572-5503.

National Public Lands Day

The National Environmental Education and Training Foundation is celebrating National Public Lands Day from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., Sept. 24 at Lake Holloman, three miles west of the west gate. Volunteers are needed at Lake Holloman to remove invasive weeds, pick up trash and plant native trees and shrubs. Those participating will receive a volunteer patch and poster. For more information, call

Monica Barrera at 572-3931.

Commander's Access Channel

Holloman DUI productions – 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Joint Task Force Katrina – 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Safety Clips – 8 a.m., 12 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Announcements are shown during other hours between recordings.

For information about the CAC, call 572-5406.

Air Force news

Any Airmen wishing to receive daily Air Force news by e-mail may do so by logging onto the Internet at www.af.mil and clicking on the "subscribe" icon.

Independent entrepreneurs

The Holloman Enlisted Spouse's Organization will be hosting a bazaar, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 29 at the Community Center. This event gives base independent entrepreneurs a chance to recruit and sell their products, such as those who sell Mary Kay, Avon, Pampered Chef or any commercial or privately-produced products. Vendor registration is \$25 per table until Oct. 1 and late registration is \$30 per table until Oct. 22. Please call Michelle at 921-0701 or Sue at 479-9959 for table reservations.

MOPS meet

Mothers of Preschoolers meets from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., every other Tuesday. The next meeting will be Sept. 20. They are currently raising money for childcare by selling 10" by 13" sepia-tone children's antiques portraits for \$10 each. Call Paige Bryan, 439-1760 or Lisa Claxton, 434-6790 for more information. Childcare is provided and volunteers are needed – please call Karin Constable at 439-5876 for information on childcare.

NMSU-A business training

A free training course is being offered by the Small Business Development Center at NMSU-A for

those interested in starting their own businesses. The courses will include writing business plans. The course counts for college credit and costs nothing for all active duty individuals, veterans with educational benefits, and most reservists and National Guard troops. The classes are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Those interested can contact the Small Business Development Center, 572-7754.

Albuquerque Tricentennial

As part of the Albuquerque Tricentennial celebration, September is Architecture Month. Events include an agricultural road show, a Mexican Independence Day fiesta and various other tours, displays and events celebrating old and new architecture.

For more information on Albuquerque's Tricentennial, visit the Web site at www.albuquerque300.org.

B On the IG SCREEN

***Deuce Bigalow –
European Gigolo (R)***

6 p.m., today

Must Love Dogs (PG-13)

6 p.m., Saturday

Must Love Dogs (PG-13)

6 p.m., Sunday

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses
– 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

• General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

• Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

Air Force pioneers of the 80s and 90s

Across

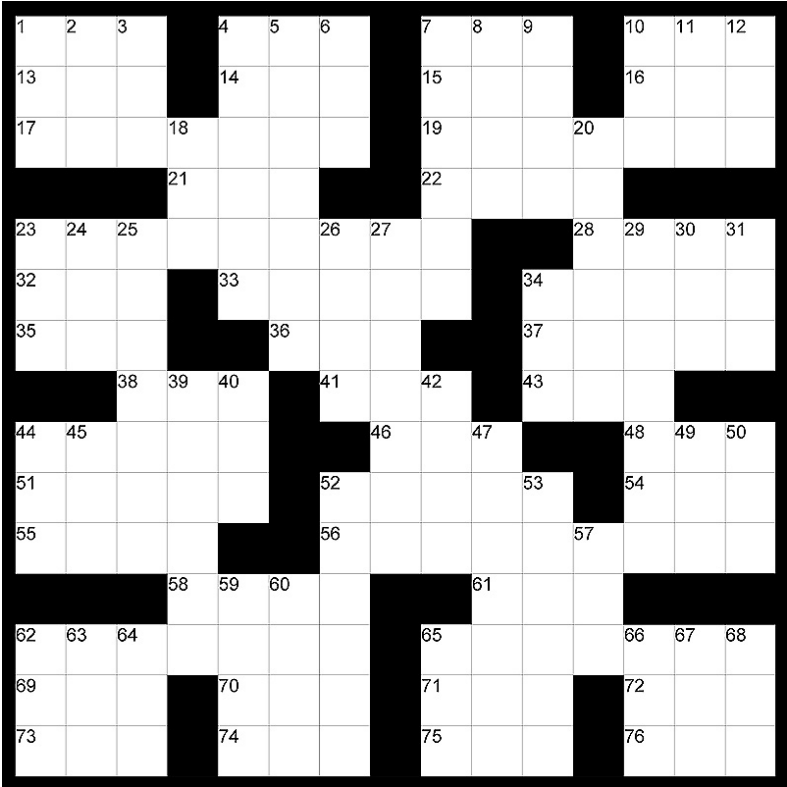
- 1. Actress West
- 4. Accountant, in short
- 7. Angry
- 10. Slap lightly
- 13. Mock
- 14. ___ River
- 15. Southwestern Native American
- 16. Caviar
- 17. Col. Eileen ___; 1st woman Space Shuttle commander
- 19. Initial, yet significant advantage for future progress
- 21. Crazy ___ loon
- 22. Bullets
- 23. TSgt Tim ___; Air Force Cross recipient for Mogadishu actions
- 28. Fury
- 32. Epoch
- 33. Look around
- 34. Anaheim player
- 35. Computer key
- 36. Dine
- 37. Deeds
- 38. In the capacity or character of
- 41. Greek letter
- 43. 3, in a manner
- 44. Maj. Patricia ___; first woman commander of an AFSC unit
- 46. GMT -0400

- 48. Quick rest
- 51. Fat
- 52. Dog’s pests
- 54. USAF E-4
- 55. Deep slimy soil or mud
- 56. Dense translucent, white or tinted fine-grained gypsum
- 58. 1st Oscar winner ___ Jannings (1929)
- 61. Actress Thurman
- 62. Dr. Sheila ___; 1st woman service secretary
- 65. Col. Guion ___; 1st African-American astronaut
- 69. Mistake
- 70. ___ Grande
- 71. Field movie Norma ___
- 72. USAF Medal of Honor recipient Col. George ___
- 73. Prop for 31 DOWN
- 74. Pitch
- 75. Web address, in short
- 76. Hurricane center

Down

- 1. Apple computer, in short
- 2. Mil. overseas address
- 3. Snakelike fish
- 4. Emergency
- 5. Mortification
- 6. Commercials
- 7. X-men characters

- 8. Molecule
- 9. Think
- 10. Expert
- 11. Earthlink competitor
- 12. Actor Danson
- 18. Laotian currency, in short
- 20. Gen. Charles ___; architect of Desert Storm air campaign
- 23. Tiny
- 24. Fed. tax org.
- 25. Glossy, resinous material
- 26. Bath item
- 27. Surpass other car dealers
- 29. Oppose
- 30. ___ Shorty
- 31. Golfer Ernie
- 34. Rear of the ship
- 39. Not observable
- 40. Mature
- 42. Thought
- 44. ___ Kippur
- 45. Japanese sash
- 47. Organized as a list
- 49. In existence
- 50. Score for 31 DOWN
- 52. Unsown
- 53. American jurist and Revolutionary War leader Chase
- 57. SECAF’s office symbol
- 59. Second Lt. ___ Wittick; 1st



- woman to enter helicopter pilot training
- 60. Uppermost and widest of the three pelvis bones
- 62. Damp
- 63. Wrath
- 64. Rapping “Dr.”
- 65. SHAPE city airport, in brief
- 66. Lyrical poem
- 67. Skate relative
- 68. Color

Answers on page 19

Cruise control not all it's cracked up to be

Preparation vital but expect the unexpected on long drives

by Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Brown

49th Medical Operations Squadron chief enlisted manager

There I was, a staff sergeant with visions of being promoted to technical sergeant after the next promotion cycle. While on leave in January, 1991, I headed south from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. to my hometown in Missouri. My wife Mary and our first child, Jeffery Jr., were properly seatbelted in our 1989 pickup truck. I was on my way home for some peace and quiet to study. Life was good.

Prior to the six-hour drive, I took all necessary precautions. Our truck was ready to roll after a thorough safety inspection. The tires were in great shape and all fluids, belts, hoses, and battery were “good to go.” All vehicle lights worked and the motor purred like a kitten. Our luggage was properly stored and secured in the bed of the truck and we didn’t have any unnecessary items in the cab. The truck was ready, but were we?

I’d slept more than eight hours the night before the trip. We had checked the weather and while it looked dicey, it didn’t appear to be anything we couldn’t handle as long as we took our time. We planned plenty of stops along the way. Jeffery Jr. was less than a year old and he’d ensure we stopped whether we wanted to or not.

Mary and I correctly secured ourselves with the seatbelts and our son was snug between us in his car seat. Before starting the truck, I pulled my wallet out of my pocket and placed it in a cubby hole by the steering wheel. I gave the seatbelt one last tug and headed south on I-29 out of Nebraska. I turned on the cruise control at 55 miles per hour.

Again, life was good.

Shortly after beginning our trip, a light rain began to fall. Because our trip occurred in January in Nebraska when it’s a little cool, Mary pointed out we should watch the bridges and roads for ice. I concurred as she’s always right. We noticed the rain was picking up and the wind blowing harder. As a precaution, I lowered our speed to 50 mph. The cruise control was still activated. Again, I thought I was doing all the right things to stay safe. The road had my full attention.

The weather began getting nastier further down the road and I slowed down to 45 mph. I felt like we were going very slow and being safe, but things turned sour when we came up on a long, sweeping right-hand curve. This curve ended with a bridge over a small irrigation ditch.

As we headed towards the bridge, I spotted several cars in the median of the interstate. As I drove onto the bridge the rear tires of the pickup truck lost traction and began sliding to the right as the nose of the truck went left. It was a gentle slide and nothing I hadn’t dealt with before during my winters in Missouri. I did not hit the brakes but steered in the direction of the slide as taught. Hitting the brakes could have thrown the truck into a more violent, uncontrollable slide. Fortunately, the truck responded and straightened back out.

At this junction, we were pointed directly at a car in the median. If we’d continued on the same course, we would have plowed into it. I steered in the opposite direction of the car to change our heading.

About this time, we left the bridge still driving on pavement. As we exited the bridge heading from the fast lane to the slow lane, the back wheels on our rear-wheel drive

pickup gripped the pavement not covered with ice and took control of the vehicle. I wasn’t expecting this immediate traction and it steered us off the road and down a 100-foot embankment. Our truck flipped three times, finally coming to rest on all four wheels. Fortunately, my family and I walked away with minor injuries. The wallet I’d placed in the cubby hole ended up under the right-rear wheel. It could’ve been me.

What did I do wrong? I’m a good driver. I know what to do. I did everything correctly, right? Wrong! I’d been complacent and engaged my cruise control when we started the trip. Engaging the cruise control may not necessarily be a bad thing, but in this case it certainly was, as it caused the wreck. If the cruise control had not been engaged when we drove onto the non-icy pavement, we could have coasted to a stop. Instead, the drive train was engaged and spun the tires trying to get us back to 45 mph. I hadn’t accounted for this situation, nor had I tapped the brakes during the slide.

What should you take from this? First, wear your seat belts! My family and I are alive today because we wore ours. Secondly, cruise control isn’t all it’s “cracked” up to be. It can trip up even the most experienced driver. Don’t get me wrong – I still use it, but I turn it off at the first sign of adverse conditions. This includes foreign objects on the road, windy conditions, rain, darkness and traffic congestion.

No matter how much you prepare, continue to expect the unexpected. A little thought on my part could have prevented this accident. Drive safely, Team Holloman. We need each and every one of you.

HOLLOMAN HERO



Airman 1st Class Brandon M. Skinner *49th Civil Engineer Squadron*

Duty title: Heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration apprentice

Time in service: Two years

Time at Holloman: 18 months

Home town: Oakland, Ill.

What are your personal and career goals? To become an exceptional HVAC/R technician. To excel in everything I do and take advantage of every promotion opportunity. I hope to spend 20 years in service, retire and open my own business.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you? It is important to serve my country and to better myself.

What is the highlight of your

Holloman tour? Experiencing the Southwest.

What motivates you to be a better Airman? Knowing that my actions can affect my Air Force career, either positive or negative.

How do you set an example for other troops? By portraying a sharp image, working hard to learn all that I can about my job and the Air Force, and making the best out of every opportunity.

Core value portrayed: Airman Skinner possesses professional competence and integrity to know what to do, the fortitude to decide how to do it and the dynamic leadership to inspire others to accomplish it.

– Maj. Andra Clapsaddle
49th CES commander

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at https://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

COMING EVENTS

Base chapel sponsoring Holy Hip Hop Night Saturday

by Chaplain (Capt.) Gloria Tyner
49th Fighter Wing Chapel

The Holloman Base Chapel is sponsoring a Holy Hip Hop or “3-H” Fellowship Night at the Enlisted Club Saturday, at 7 p.m.

This event will feature two hip hop artists and a rhythm and blues band from St. Louis. Senior Airman Victor Padilla, 49th Operations Support Squadron, will offer his services as a deejay.

Admission is free and all Team Holloman personnel, family and friends are invited to attend.

The chapel hopes this event will appeal to singles and dormitory residents by offering a positive message in an atypical fashion.

The wing chapel is in the process of

starting a single’s group to provide an alternative to airmen interested in nurturing the spiritual side of life. There will be information available and sign-up opportunities for those wishing to part of the single’s group.

The Holloman Chapel is teaming with the wing’s Integrated Delivery Service team, a group of designated base representatives tasked with furthering wing quality of life issues, and promoting 3-H Night as a preface to the new 0-0-1-3 anti-drinking program scheduled to be introduced Thursday, Sept. 24, at the upcoming Wingman Day.

The Air Force hopes to reduce the number of drinking and driving incidents by offering events such as 3-H Night.

For more information, please contact Chaplain Gloria Tyner at 572-7211.

BRIEFS

Education center limited testing

Due to non-availability of the test administrator, there will be no DANTES, PME, CDC, or distance learning testing through the base education office from Sept. 20 – 27.

Normal testing will resume at the base education office Sept. 28. For more information or to inquire about special testing requirements, please contact the test control officer at 572-7027, or email kenneth.derenzy@holloman.af.mil.

GED, citizenship classes to start

The NMSU-A Adult Basic Education is now offering registration for those working toward obtaining their GED or N.M. High School diplomas. Students must come to the ABE office located at the Tays Special Events Center across from the college, take an assessment test and sign up for an orientation before classes start.

Orientation for Adult Basic Education will begin Thursday. The classes are offered free of charge at various sites throughout Otero County.

English as a Second Language and Citizen-

ship class begins Wednesday. Students must take an assessment test before classes start. Orientation will be given during class.

For more information, call 439-3812.

AFA membership drive

The annual Alamogordo-Holloman AFB Air Force Association membership drive runs through Oct. 31. Annual membership is \$30 and includes a copy of the AFA monthly magazine.

The AFA is a national advocacy group dedicated to providing a voice in Washington on behalf of Airmen and retired Airmen. Members of Chapter 196, the local AFA chapter, participate in a number of local service projects, outings, luncheons and provide support for local schools, veterans support programs, base recognition programs and local ROTC and JROTC units.

The AFA chapter 196 is holding its next meeting at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday in the Committee of Fifty room at the Officer's Club. For information on the next meeting or on joining the AFA, contact Capt. Jill Petty at 572-5573 or jill.petty@holloman.af.mil.

Crossword answers



Answers from page 16



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Aug. 30 to Monday:

Tickets issued:

Security Forces issued 14 tickets: One for loud noise, three for missing lamps, one for driving on an expired license, four for driving on expired registration, one for failure to stop, one for speeding and three for driving without proof of insurance.

Civilian arrests:

- Sept. 2: An Airman was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Property loss, damage or theft:

- Aug. 30: A government civilian reported 90 to 95 gallons of diesel fuel had been stolen from a fuel bin at the test track. The civilian reported he had locked the bin Aug. 24 and noticed the fuel and lock missing Aug. 29.

Patrol response:

- Aug. 30: An NCO reported a neighbor was very upset because she could not locate her family whose home had been hit by Hurricane Katrina. Security Forces initiated contact with the Red Cross to attempt to locate the family.
- Aug. 30: An Airman reported she had passed out at the main gate. She was advised to see a physician.
- Sept. 2: An NCO requested assistance in confiscating a fake driver's license from one of her Airmen at dormi-

tory 330.

- Sept. 2: A dependent brought a stray Doberman pinscher puppy into the Security Forces building she had found on base. The animal was turned over to its owner Sept. 3.

- Sept. 2: An Airman reported a dependent had possibly overdosed on medication on Langley Court. The dependent was taken to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.

- Sept. 3: A dependent reported her tires had the air let out of them at building 517. No damage was caused to the vehicle. Investigation revealed the dependent's husband, an Airman, had given permission to another Airman to let the air out of the vehicle's tires.

- Sept. 5: A dependent reported she had a stray dog on Hanscom street. Security Forces picked up the animal.

- Sept. 5: During a routine patrol, Security Forces found building 310 was not secured. The facility manager was notified. No criminal activity was discovered.

- Sept. 6: An Airman reported another Airman had broken his foot from falling down a flight of stairs in the dormitories. The Airman was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.



- Sept. 6: The Otero County Sheriff's Office relayed an emergency call from a dependent who was bleeding on Travis Place. The dependent was taken to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.



Photo by Master Sgt. Lisa Polarek

Mr. Rob Coward, 49th MMS Engineering and Technical Services specialist, participates in a fitness challenge relay Sunday while deployed to Manas AB, Kyrgystan.

Soccer Standings Scoreboard

	Team	Won	Lost	Tie	Pct	Streak	PF	PA	
	GAF Tech Soccer	4	0	0	1.000	Won 4	12	4	
	GAF 1st MXS Soccer	4	1	0	.800	Won 3	15	5	
	GAF 2nd MXS	3	1	0	.750	Won 2	15	2	
	49 MMG Soccer	3	1	0	.750	Lost 1	15	8	
	GAF ELO SQ	3	1	0	.750	Won 3	14	2	
	49 CS Soccer	1	3	0	.250	Won 1	7	10	
	49 OSS Soccer	1	3	0	.250	Lost 3	4	8	
	49 MDG Soccer	0	2	1	.167	-	2	19	
	49 CES Soccer	0	4	1	.100	Lost 1	3	12	
	46 TG Soccer	0	3	0	.000	Lost 3	0	17	

